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**SCH # 2021030614****Project Title:** Mesa Wind Repower ProjectLead Agency: California Department of Fish and WildlifeContact Person: Magdalena RodriguezMailing Address: 3602 Inland Empire Boulevard, Suite C-220Phone: (909) 844-2520City: Ontario Zip: 91764County: Riverside**Project Location:** County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Whitewater and Bonnie Bell communitiesCross Streets: Unnamed access road, eastern extension of (Rockview Drive) Zip Code: 92258Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 56 ' 50.3 " N / 116 ° 39 ' 58.1 " W Total Acres: 98 acres of 401-acre siteAssessor's Parcel No.: 516-02-004; 517030003, -09; 514250007, -10, -13, -16 Section: 4, 33 Twp.: 2S, 3S Range: 3E Base: San BernardinoWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 10; State Route 62 Waterways: Whitewater River (~0.5 miles east)Airports: NoneRailways: UPRR (~1.9 miles south) Schools: None**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mit Neg Dec Other: Final IS/MND  FONSI \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Incidental Take Permit

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Power: Type Wind MW 30 MW  
 Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**Riverside County: Open Space Rural and Open Space Recreation; Area of Critical Environmental Concern**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project as approved by CDFW with adoption of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) includes construction, operation and maintenance, and future decommissioning of eight new wind turbine generators. In addition, a new free-standing permanent meteorological tower, electrical collection system upgrades, and permanent access roads will be constructed and remain for the life of the project. The new facilities will be decommissioned at the end of their estimated 30-year useful life (2053). The total overall potential ground disturbance is 98.0 acres. The 98.0 acres include 18.2 acres of permanent and 79.8 acres of temporary disturbance. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in mid-2021 and be completed in approximately 16 months.

CDFW's approval of the project under the Fish and Game Code includes the issuance to Mesa Corp of an incidental take permit (ITP) under the California Endangered Species Act and the execution of a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA). ITP 2081-2019-048-06 authorizes incidental take of Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) subject to various conditions of approval. LSAA EPIMS-RIV-16205-R6 authorizes impacts to 24 drainages during construction.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date Complete Ending Date Complete

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**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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